

104TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4189

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of vancomycin home parenteral therapy under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 25, 1996

Mr. STARK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Vancomycin
5 Home Parenteral Therapy Act of 1996”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF VANCOMYCIN HOME PAR-**
2 **ENTERAL THERAPY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(n) of the Social Se-
4 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(n)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “(n)” and inserting “(n)(1)”;

6 (2) by inserting “vancomycin as described in
7 paragraph (2),” after “beds,”; and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(2) The vancomycin described in this paragraph is
10 the antimicrobial vancomycin which is administered to a
11 patient parenterally using an access device that is inserted
12 into the body, if the patient’s attending physician certifies
13 that such administration is for treatment of an infection
14 caused—

15 “(A) by beta-lactam-resistant gram-positive
16 microorganisms; or

17 “(B) by gram-positive microorganisms in the
18 case of a patient who has a severe allergy to beta-
19 lactam antimicrobials.”.

20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
21 subsection (a) apply with respect to vancomycin adminis-
22 tered on or after January 1, 1997.

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